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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*In the Claims:*

Cancel claims ~~5, 35, 37-38, and 40-50~~ as drawn to non-elected inventions. Replace the pending claims with the following:

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1. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a mature form of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;
  - (b) a variant of a mature form of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein one or more amino acid residues in said variant differs from the amino acid sequence of said mature form, provided that said variant differs in no more than 15% of the amino acid residues from the amino acid sequence of said mature form;
  - (c) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4; and
  - (d) a variant of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein one or more amino acid residues in said variant differs from the amino acid sequence of said mature form, provided that said variant differs in no more than 15% of amino acid residues from said amino acid sequence.

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